

The official newsletter of the Colorado Springs Airport

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# **Airport Updates**



#### Federal Mask Mandate Vacated

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) won't enforce the national mask mandate on planes and public transit for now after a federal judge voided it on April 18. In accordance with TSA no longer enforcing the mask mandate, face masks will not be required at this time for employees and passengers at the Colorado Springs Airport (COS). COS encourages travelers to have masks with them as some domestic and international destinations may still require one. Travelers are encouraged to check the policy of their destination and air carrier ahead of travel.

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# Valet Parking to Reopen at COS

Valet parking will be available for travelers beginning May 1, 2022. The daily rate will be \$19, and travelers can pay an additional \$3 for solar covered parking. Services will be available from 4:30 a.m. until the last arriving flight. Valet services are operated by Reef Parking, who also operate the short- and long-term parking lots.

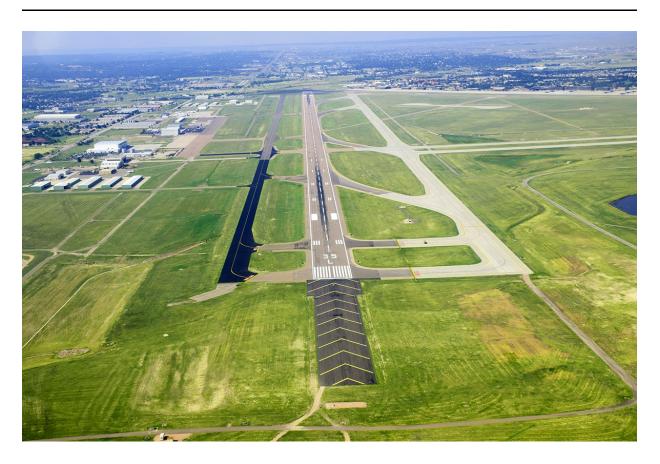
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Pikes Peak Regional Airshow Returns to Colorado Springs Airport

The Pikes Peak Regional Airshow will return after a two year hiatus due to Covid-19. This year, the airshow announced it will take to the sky under a new partnership. **The Colorado Springs Sports Corporation** is joining the organizing efforts to help raise the event to new heights. The airshow will be held at the Colorado Springs Airport on September 24 and 25. Proceeds from the airshow benefit the Ft. Carson 4th Infantry Division Museum, the Peterson Air and Space Museum, and the National Museum of WWII Aviation.

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### Airport Working On Master Plan

COS is updating its Airport Master Plan which will study the current and future airport facility needs required to meet aeronautical and community demands now and for the next 20 years. This effort will generate a recommended plan that will prepare the airport for continued service as an economic engine and the preferred aviation gateway for the region.

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## Air Service Update



Spring Break travel was at an all all-time high for COS, and summer is projected to be just as busy.

Summer represents one of the busiest travel periods for COS beginning Memorial Day weekend (May 27 – 30). We anticipate load factors of over 80% due to the strong demand for travel through August.

With the increase in traffic, we encourage passengers to arrive at least 90 minutes before their flight.



Everyone enjoys free goodies no matter how old you are! The COS Flight Of The Month for April was Southwest Airlines flight 557 to Dallas Love Field.

## **Top Social Posts**



@SouthwestAir #FreedomOne and #PikesPeak together make for a great photo.

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Last week, SkyWest Airlines Captain Pete Enstrom retired after a 35year career. His last flight arrived at COS on March 31.

His family was onboard with him for his final flight.

We're grateful to be part of such an important moment!



- ▼ Two things that make you feel small:
- Mountains
- → Planes

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#### **Events**



Sustainability and environmental impact are always top of mind for COS. This passed Earth Day, COS treated travelers to handy bookmarks that offer easy ways to help our planet.



April is National Volunteer Month, so we'd like to take this chance to recognize all of our wonderful Ambassadors and PAWS 4 COS volunteers. Our Ambassadors were honored at a City Council meeting for their dedication to good customer service at COS and to kick off National Volunteer Month.







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